

meant annexation to the United States. Now, then, if annexation is impossible for British Columbia, how comes it to be possible for Canada? or did the *Globe* not believe in its own argument? If the independence of Canada means annexation, why should not the secession of British Columbia mean the same thing? Great Britain does not sell her empire, but unless I have read the *Globe* for the past twenty years to no purpose, she has allowed many an empire, in size at least, to slip into Uncle Sam's hands. Only last year she blundered off San Juan, and it is, by the merest chance, that she has a foothold on the Pacific Ocean to-day. What she has done before she may do again, and there are many who think that if the United States were sufficiently awake to the acquisition of British Columbia to put out her strength to help us, that the merchants of Great Britain would soon find some good reason why England should not go to war for such a trifle.

But of what use this discussion? There are reasonable men in British Columbia who only require to be assured that Canada is in earnest, and that she will do the best that she can to carry out the spirit of her obligations, who will do all in their power toward arriving at a reasonable adjustment of existing difficulties. Let these men be met in a spirit of fair play, and my word for it the British Columbia difficulty will soon be among the things of the past.

In conclusion, permit me to add that I have no disposition to continue this correspondence. My only object in addressing you at all was to defend a Province in which I have lived for upwards of seventeen years against the vile attacks of a mere bird of passage.

In allowing me space for this purpose you have placed me under obligations, for which please receive the thanks of

Yours, &c., F. J. B.

THE VICTORIA STANDARD'S REMARKS ON
MY LETTERS IN REPLY TO "TETE JAUNE
CACHE."

In a recent issue of the *Globe* newspaper there appears an editorial entitled "Canada and her Western Province." The article deals with a letter signed F. J. B. in reply to a communication from some low literary

vagrant calling himself Tete Jaune Cache, and scarifies F. J. B. in a well deserved manner. We cannot help thinking that the *Globe* has laid too much importance to F. J. B. and his communication. He may be the champion of the select few who make what they can out of Pacific Railway Supplies and mail contracts, but he no more represents the true feeling of this Province than one of the Chiefs of the Queen Charlotte Siwash. We agree most heartily with the *Globe* when it says that "if harmonious relations are to be attained, it is unwise to make continued reference to the advantage which British Columbia would have found in making her bargain with the States than with Canada." We ask nothing from the Dominion of Canada, but what we consider we are entitled to by the Terms of Union and which were pledged to us by the honor of the Crown. We are very sorry that our Toronto contemporary should have taken the *ipse dixit* of an irresponsible F. J. B. through a gratuitous contribution, as a threat from this Province. F. J. B. is not our representative and we sincerely hope never will be. We indignantly protest against F. J. B. representing this Province as a mere huckster selling its rights and its allegiance to the "Old Flag" to the highest bidder whether American or Canadian. British Columbia has been struggling for the accomplishment of a great British nationality on this continent—and not solely for her own aggrandisement. To say that we could have sold ourselves to this country or to that country for a few shekels of silver, more or less, is the gratuitous assertion of an ignorant and narrow mind that imagines the Province places as much value upon dollars and cents as he seems to do himself. According to the *Globe*, and we agree with it, the pith of F. J. B.'s letter is that British Columbia sold herself to Canada at a high figure but not so high as it ought to have been looking at the price paid by the United States for Alaska. This is an insult to the genius and spirit of our people. British Columbia entered Confederation not in the auction mart but upon terms mutually and readily agreed to by Canada. Had such not been the case England would never have assented to them. We take the liberty of advising the *Globe* to attach no importance to long winded letters writ-